

Talking Points for San Antonio Military Transformation (BRAC 2005 & Other Changes at Military Installations)

- BRAC 2005 became law on 9 November 2005. The law requires that BRAC actions be complete not later than 15 September 2011.
- Of the approximately 200 BRAC recommendations enacted into law, San Antonio bases were impacted by 19. This is more than any other city in the United States. Every military installation in San Antonio is feeling the impact of BRAC 2005.
- BRAC is a catalyst that is resulting in other federal, state and city investments in San Antonio. BRAC accounts for approximately \$1.752 billion in construction between 2006 & 2011.
- Between 2006 & 2013, the Department of Defense is currently planning to spend another \$1.37 billion on construction in San Antonio, over and above BRAC spending.
- In total, between 2006 & 2013, the Department of Defense is currently planning to spend more than \$3.12 billion on construction/renovation projects at San Antonio military bases.
- More than 20,000 federal employees (including the paid military trainees) are directly impacted with a move from, to or between San Antonio bases. Within the 20,000, BRAC will result in approximately 5,000 additional jobs and 4,000 additional trainees coming to San Antonio. There are federal jobs that will leave San Antonio as a result of BRAC actions. Most notably will be jobs that depart Brooks City-Base to go to out of state locations. To more than offset this loss, Fort Sam Houston will grow by approximately 12,000.
- Trainee or military student populations are part of the change in population. The military trainee is a paid federal employee while they are in school in San Antonio. The population numbers displayed above represent an average daily student population. This understates the impact of this population because of the thru-put of trainees. Annually San Antonio bases are estimated, post BRAC, to receive, train and graduate more than 132,000 students each year. These students will invite their families to graduations, they will visit downtown San Antonio, they will dine out and shop in San Antonio stores.
- No new family housing will be constructed on the military bases. New civilian employees, as well as military families, will seek to buy or rent homes in the various San Antonio neighborhoods.
- By the time BRAC 2005 execution is completed in 2011, it is estimated to have had a total of \$8.3 billion in positive economic impact to the city of San Antonio. As a result of the new federal jobs and increases in the military trainee population, once executed, BRAC will continue to add to the San Antonio economy. BRAC is also estimated to increase consumer and operational expenditures by \$1.6B per year making the estimated total economic impact of DoD in San Antonio \$13.3B per year.
- Field training for the military will occur on the 28,000 acres Camp Bullis, on the Northwest side of San Antonio. The availability of this large training site was a critical factor in the decision to move enlisted medical training to San Antonio.
- Joint Basing in San Antonio (Lackland AFB, Randolph AFB and Ft. Sam Houston) will create the largest base operation in the Department of Defense. Joint Base San Antonio will cover over 40,000 acres and support an on-base workforce of more than 73,000. Joint Base San Antonio will be fully operational by October 2010.

BRAC facts of interest

Community

- For good reason, San Antonio is known as Military City USA. The military enjoys an exceptionally supportive working relationship with the community. The City, the County and the Chamber of Commerce have joined together to form the Military Transformation Task Force (MTTF). The MTTF works with the military to ease the challenges posed by the changes that BRAC and transformation bring to San Antonio.

Construction

- The peak of construction activity is projected to occur at the end of the summer/early fall (September/October time frame) 2009, when more than 2,200 construction workers are expected to be spread across the various project sites.
 - 2,200 Laborers per day at the peak of construction at Ft. Sam Houston
 - Will fill up 50 school busses (*45- passenger yellow school busses*)
 - Is enough people to fill 16 Southwest Airlines jets
 - As many as 4,000 vehicle trips per day, including workforce arrivals and trucks delivering materials and supplies.
- 2 – 3 Tower Cranes active at any one time
- 23 – 25 Boom Cranes active at any one time

Construction Program

- 78 major facilities, dozens of minor ones (139 contracts)
- BRAC projects alone - including new buildings and renovation projects - amount to more than 6 million square feet of space, which is the rough equivalent of 30 Wal-Mart Supercenters. (Assuming a Supercenter is roughly 200,000 square feet in size.)

Construction materials used for military construction (BRAC and other military construction projects)

- 75,000 Tons of structural steel
 - Will build 9 Eiffel Towers
 - Will build 6,300 - F18 Aircraft (10,810 kg empty weight)

- 15,500 Tons of reinforcing steel
 - Will build 76 Statue of Liberties
- 768,000 Cubic yards of concrete
 - Will fill 480 Olympic swimming pools
- 76,800 concrete trucks
 - The 76,800 concrete trucks that will deliver concrete for this program, if placed end-to-end, would stretch from San Antonio to Baton Rouge along Interstate 10. (Assuming all deliveries will be made using a standard 10 CY truck.)

METC Dining Facility

- The dining facility is 80,000 square feet in size. It will become the largest dining facility in the U.S. Army's inventory, and one of the largest dining facilities in the entire U.S. military. (According to the Army Corps of Engineers Centers of Standardization.)
- The \$28.7 million dining hall will have the capacity to serve as many as 4,800 individuals during a single, 90-minute meal period as personnel are rotated through the facility's 2,016 seats. So, the potential exists for 14,400 meals to be provided during the course of a day from breakfast through dinner.
- If each diner eats two eggs at breakfast, that's 800 dozen (9,600) eggs a day. If each diner eats two pieces of bread at lunch, that's about 480 loaves of bread a day. And if 4,800 people each drink one 8-ounce glass of milk, that's about 300 gallons of milk per day.
- The 80,000 square feet would fit: 1,782 Smart for Two cars, 683 Humvees, 68 T-38 Talon jet trainers, 240,000 loafs of bread.
- In the 3,075 square-foot refrigerator and frozen food storage area you could fit: an average size new house with room to spare, 66 Smart for Two cars, 25 Humvees, three (parked) T-6 Texan turboprop trainers, 90,000 gallons of milk if you filled the fridge 4 feet high.
- It will take more than 100 employees to operate the facility.